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Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C Federal Public Waters Drift Gillnet Fishing Times for the Week of July 13

Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C Federal drift gillnet fishing time for the week of July 13 will occur from **Sunday, July 13 at 6 p.m. to Monday, July 14 at 6 p.m.** Fishing with drift gillnets is allowed for king salmon in Federal public waters of Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C during the weekly regulatory fishing period openings from June 10 to July 14. Drift gillnets are limited to no more than 150 feet in length and 35 meshes in depth. Mesh size is unrestricted. Federal subsistence users wishing to participate in this fishery must obtain and possess a Federal permit.

Sunday July 13	Monday July 14	Tuesday July 15	Wednesday July 16	Thursday July 17	Friday July 18	Saturday July 19
Regular and Drift Subsistence Opens 6PM	Regular & Drift Fishing Subsistence Close at 6PM	Subsistence Closed	Regular Subsistence Opens 6PM	Regular Subsistence Open	Regular Subsistence Open	Regular Subsistence Open
Drift Fishing SEASON Closes						

This will be the last 2008 drift gillnet period for Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C due to the regulatory closing date of July 14. After the season is over fishermen should complete and return their Federal permit to either the issuing office or by prepaid mail.

These Federal public waters are within the Innoko-Kaiyuh Flat and Nowitna National Wildlife Refuges. **State waters between Galena and Ruby are closed to the use of drift gillnets to harvest salmon.** Permits and fishing area maps are available from the refuge office in Galena (1-800-656-1231 or 656-1231). Identification confirming rural Yukon River drainage residency is required to obtain a free permit.

Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C subsistence salmon fishing periods were reduced to 24 hours from the usual 48 hours due to weak king salmon run strength. Effective Wednesday, July 16 regular subsistence salmon fishing time is being liberalized to 5-days per week. Subsistence fishermen should consult both State and Federal regulations or contact an Alaska Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office before subsistence fishing.

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